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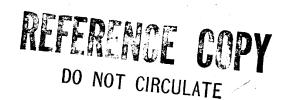
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- 1. In the fall of 1951, the Russians ordered the DDR to start importing crude oil from Austria in spite of the objections of the Ministerium für Materialsonsorgong. I Leona had always received its tar oil from West Germany. However, 25X1 in September 1951, the interzonal agreement was running out. The Russians thought that with no more interzonal agreement there would be no more tax oil from West Germany. Hence the Russians ordered Leuna to convert to the distillation of crude oil, of which there were two types - tar hese and paradfin base. Litakendorf preferred the peraffin base crude because it to easies to refine. So in order to forestall any friction, the Russians ordered that they take 50% tar base and 50% paraffin base. Littlendorf had already been receiving 18,000 tens of crude per month from Austria anyway. Thei, at the end of 1951, erout 113,000 tons were received in the DDR within three months, in addition to the 15,000 tons monthly received by Lützkendorf. Crarefore, Weissensee is seed an order that Leuna, Esperhain and Böhlen had to refine the crude with Schwarzheide also taking a little.
 - At the present time, Lutzkendorf uses mostly paraffin have crude, thile even and Espenhan get mortly tar base crude. From time to time, Leuna receives train loads of crude outside of the agreement. Leuna and Espenhaur do the primary processing of the crude oil, revoving the tar and paraffin, etc. The "Vorprodukt" from Leuna and Espenhain goes to Schwarzheide and Röhlen for further processing. It is probable that Mittelbenzin is refined from cruse oil because none was produced in the DDR before the middle of 1951.

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Comments Probably the State Administration for Material Procurement under the State Planning Commission.



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